

## Message Text

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TAGS: ETRN, ETRD

SUBJECT: SHIPPING: ACCEPTANCE OF VISBY AMENDMENTS TO  
BRUSSELS CONVENTION (HAGUE RULES ON BILLS OF LADING)

REF: STATE 190603

OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE AND  
TRANSPORT HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE UN COMMISSION FOR  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (UNCITRAL) IS PRESENTLY  
DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE BRUSSELS  
CONVENTION. THE FRG IS NOT A MEMBER OF UNCITRAL AND WAS  
INFORMED OF THIS BY OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AT  
THE SAME TIME THE FRG WAS ADVISED THAT THE UK, THE  
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, FRANCE, AND PROBABLY BELGIUM  
ARE DETERMINED TO RATIFY THE VISBY AMENDMENTS. SINCE IN  
THE FRG THE RATIFICATION PROCEDURE IS LENGTHY, AND  
MIGHT TAKE MORE TIME THAN THE UNCITRAL WORK ON THE NEW  
CONVENTION, THE MINISTRIES ARE UNDECIDED AT PRESENT

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WHETHER THEY SHOULD PROPOSE TO THE CABINET THE

INITIATION OF THE RATIFICATION PROCEDURE OR WHETHER  
THEY SHOULD WAIT FOR THE NEW CONVENTION.  
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